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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is a response to the Office Action dated August 16, 2005, of which a three-month shortened statutory period for response expired on November 16, 2005.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this response.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this response.